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Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	HOFFMAN, JOHN M
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Reply filed April 14, 2004

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other 9 pages definitions & glossary
Definitions and Keywords (Cornell website, 2 pgs.)
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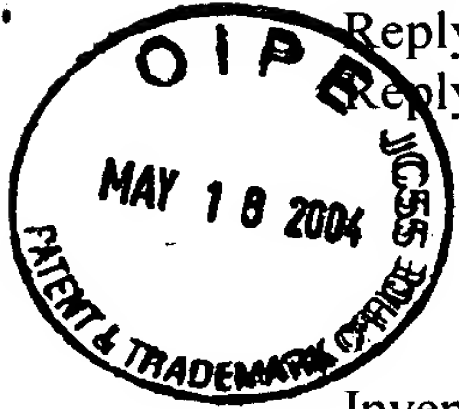
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Serial No: 09/733352

Group Art Unit: 1731

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS
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RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S ADVISORY ACTION

In reply to the Advisory Action dated April 27, 2004, designated as Paper No. 40423 in the above-captioned application, please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.